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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WRIT PETITION (PIL) No. 3464 of 2007

PETITIONER : Shri Abdul Samad Pendra Road (Purana Gourela) Tah. – Pendra Road Distt. – Bilaspur (C.G.)

VERSUS

RESPONDENTS : 1. The State of C.G. Through Secretary, Health Department, D.K.S. Bhawan, Raipur (C.G.)
2. Officer Incharge, Nagar Palika – Pendraroad, Bilaspur (C.G.)
3. Nagar Panchayat, Pendraroad (C.G.)

OFFICE REFERENCE

Coram : Hon'ble Shri Jagdish Bhalla, Acting Chief Justice &
Hon'ble Shri Satish K. Agnihotri J.

Present: Shri Vinay Harit, Deputy Advocate General with S.K.Mishra, Panel Lawyer for the State.

ORAL ORDER

(Passed on 07th day of September, 2007)

A letter petition was received wherein compensation was claimed by the father of the deceased, who after consumption of water had died, leaving behind seven minor children and widow. It has been further alleged in the letter petition that the water pipe-lines are in bad shape and polluted water is being supplied which is infact not worth human consumption and it has led to various ailments including Jaundice. The petitioner is 85 years old and the deceased was 35 years old.

The response has been filed on behalf of the State informing that process has started for replacing the water pipe-lines in that area. However, it would take at least 8 to 9 months. It is further informed by the learned Deputy Advocate General that a compensation of Rs. 10,000/- has been given to the family members of the deceased till date.

From the averments made in the response, it is crystal clear that supply of drinking water is not upto the mark for human consumption. Therefore, we are of

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the considered opinion that either the widow and the minor children are to be compensated monetarily, or by way of some employment, if any child has become major by now or by any other manner as deemed fit in the circumstances. The same be considered by the State of Chhattisgarh and Nagar Panchayat, Pendra Road, sympathetically.

With these observations, this petition stands disposed of.

Sd/-
Acting Chief Justice

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Satish K.Agnihotri
Judge